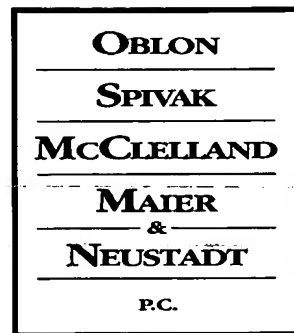




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/067,241
Applicants: Masahide SATO, et al.
Filing Date: February 7, 2002
For: METHOD OF DIFFERENTIATING BEER YEAST
Group Art Unit: 1634
Examiner: D.B. JOHANNSEN

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Election of Species Requirement

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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In response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed October 4, 2004,
Applicants elect, Species I: a pair of primers including SEQ ID NOS 7 and 8, and methods
employing that pair of primers for examination. Claims 1-4, 7 and 8 read on the elected
species.

REMARKS

The Examiner is requiring restriction of the above-identified application as follows:

Species I: a pair of primers including SEQ ID NOS 7 and 8, and methods
employing that pair of primers (see, e.g., claims 2-3 and 7-8); and
Species II: a pair of primers including SEQ ID NOS 9 and 10, and methods
employing that pair of primers (see, e.g., claims 5-6 and 9-10).